

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS DIVISION

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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



Mr. Robert L. Lines, Supervisor
Air Pollution Control
Department of Inspection
City of Minneapolis
220 Grain Exchange
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Ref: W. R. Grace & Co.
Construction Products Division
1720 Madison, N. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Mr. Lines:

Due to strikes of the construction trades in the Twin Cities, W. R. Grace & Co. (Grace) will be unable to place reference facility in compliance with Minnesota Pollution Regulations by the date of July 1, 1972, as set forth in Grace's schedule of compliance, dated August 20, 1971.

At the present time, one Model "A" vermiculite expanding furnace has been shut down and mechanical installation of new equipment and control devices are under way. Since work has ceased on constructing the new furnace room, mechanical installation will have to be stopped on or before June 23, 1972. The #2 vermiculite expanding furnace is the only piece of equipment that is operating in non-compliance with Minnesota Pollution Control Regulations.

It is estimated that within six weeks after the strike settlement reference facility will be in total compliance. During this interim period Grace requests permission from the City of Minneapolis Air Pollution Control to continue operation of its #2 vermiculite expanding furnace so that Grace is able fulfill its sales commitments. Will you please advise if it is necessary for Grace to file a petition for variance during this interim period.

Very truly yours,

Frederick W. Eaton
Project Engineer
Pollution Control

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cc: O. M. Favorito, Counsel
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